

ERROR OF USE ★

1939

INTERNATIONAL CIVIL
AERONAUTICS CONFERENCE

(Bi-plane)

(ERROR) DEC 12 - 14, 1928 (ERROR)

<u>MFG</u>	<u>DIE</u>	<u>DIAL I.D.</u>	<u>EKU</u>	<u>LKU</u>	<u>LUFF #</u>
INT'L	1	# 1 on the right side.	1939 1016 (10:30 AM)	1939 1016 (12-M)	3510

In the main post office of Washington, D.C., at 10:30 AM, on the morning of October 16, 1939, some employee made an unusual mistake which created one of the rarest machine cancels of the era. This unnamed person, needing a cancelling die for an International M machine he had been overhauling, discovered in some forgotten corner, or in the back of some spare-parts drawer, a die he thought would do well, and that appeared to be one of the old Biplane slogan dies, reading "Air-Mail Saves Time". This die was put into use at the above time, cancelling mail.

To the surprise of everyone, a unique "error cancel" was created, for, instead of the die being the Air Mail Slogan, it was the die provided for the special-station post office which functioned for three days, December 12, 13, 14, 1928, at the International Civil Aeronautics Conference in Washington. The one specific use of this die, in 1928, from which specimens are generally available, is the cancelling of first day covers of the adhesive stamps of this event. This die in original 1928 use is not a Slogan, although usually erroneously called one. It is the identification-die of a special and temporary postal station instituted to serve a special-event. In 1939-use, it can yet not be called a Slogan, but is distinctly an error recalling a station no longer existed. After about 15 minutes use, when several hundred covers had been cancelled use of the die ceased.¹³



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¹³ PAYNE, ROBERT, MACHINE CANCELS OF WASHINGTON, D.C., PRIVATELY PUBLISHED, 2006, VOL.3, APPENDIX B, PAGE 47.